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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of **Toshihiro UEHARA and Etsuo FUJITA**  
**MARAGING STEEL HAVING HIGH FATIGUE STRENGTH AND MARAGING STEEL**  
**STRIP MADE OF SAME**  
Our Ref. **Q62300**

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 30 sheets of the specification, claims, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO form 1449.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	20	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2	-	3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$710.00
<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>									<b>\$710.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment									\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$750.00</b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from December 24, 1999 based on Japanese Application No. 11-367997. The priority document is enclosed herewith.

The Office is invited to contact the above firm on any question which might arise on the above-named application. Any contact that the Office might need to make should be directed to Thomas J. Macpeak, Registration No. 19,292, at (202) 293-7060.

Respectfully submitted,  
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